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POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY T. DWYER Midtown South Precinct

n Tuesday, October 17, 1989, Police Officer Anthony Dwyer was killed when he was pushed from a rooftop during a struggle with a suspect. He was 23 years old.

At approximately 3:15 am, Officer Dwyer and other officers responded to a call of an armed robbery at a fast-food restaurant



Officer Dwyer chased one of the suspects up to the roof of the building where the suspect pushed him off the roof into an airshaft over 40 feet deep. Rescue operations commenced and included the efforts of the Fire Department and other police agencies. After more than half an hour, Officer Dwyer was extricated from the airshaft and rushed to Bellevue Hospital where he expired.

The suspect was apprehended and later convicted of murder. He was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison.

Officer Dwyer excelled in football and lacrosse while attending Sewanhaka High School in Floral Park, NY and also demonstrated deep commitment for church and community service during this time. A college scholarship, in his honor, was established at the school, to recognize those graduates who exemplify these components of excellence. The scholarship continues to this day.



Police Officer Anthony T. Dwyer was 23 years old and served with the NYPD for more than two years. He was survived by his parents, Ed and Marge; his sister Maureen; and two brothers, Lawrence, a retired Staff Sergeant in the US Air Force and Andrew who also served the NYPD as a police officer. PO Dwyer's mother Marge serves as President of the Deceased Officers Parents organization.

